



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council Chambers

City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ross at 7:05 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Ernest Minchella
Cathi Starr
Teri Davis
William Stein
Norman Ross
Ferdinando Leon Jr.
Vern Pall
Wendell Hague

Representing:

American Legion Post 36
AZ Dept. of Veterans' Services
Assoc. of Vietnam Veterans of America
DAV Auxiliary Cactus 2
Korean War Veterans' Association
Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72
Military Officers Association of America
VFW Post 549

Absent:

Abel Moreno
Roger Smith
Herbert Rogers
Saul Stoltz
Daniel Ross

American Legion Post 7
DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Spanish Trail Chapter NCOA
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Staff Members Present:

Joyce Roddewig

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Dee Brunner
Jeff Brunner
Chaplain Zinck
Marie Tsaguris
Paul Marsh
June Berkey
Terry Byron

Tucson Airport Authority
Spouse and Volunteer
So. AZ VA Health Care System
So. AZ VA Health Care System VAVS Exec. Board
Veterans' Affairs Committee (oath pending)
Women Marines Assoc. Arizona 2
Marine Corps League Marana Detachment

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

4. Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced to the committee. Marie Tsaguris distributed information regarding the Veterans Patient Programs Annual Golf Tournament at the Del Lago Golf Course on June 6, 2010.

5. Approval of New Members

There were no new members to approve, however Chairman Ross explained the City Attorney's Office had informed the committee that previously approved new members from the Tucson Airport Authority did not qualify for voting membership according to Sec. 10A-21 of the Tucson Code.

He informed the committee they had the option to choose to amend the by-laws to include a Tucson Airport Authority Representative as a non-voting member. Further discussion held under Item 12.

6. Chairman's Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Ferdinando Leon invited the committee and the public to attend the presentation of the Marine Corp League, Marana Night Hawk 72 Detachment's charter, on February 19, 2010, at the Marana Town Hall.

William Stein presented information regarding the Ride for Freedom event sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Cactus Unit 2, on April 11, 2010, at the DAV.

7. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2010

It was moved by Cathi Starr, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 – 0 to approve the January 13, 2010 minutes as presented.

8. Discussion / Action Regarding the Four Chaplains Ceremony

Update given by Chaplain Zinck, discussion held, no formal action taken.

9. Discussion / Action Regarding a Commemorative Plaque for the Four Chaplains

Update given by Chairman Ross, no formal action taken.

10. Update / Discussion / Action Regarding a Tucson Veterans Cemetery

Update given by Paul Marsh, no formal action taken.

11. Discussion / Action Regarding the Korean War Commemoration

Update given by Chairman Ross, no formal action taken.

12. Discussion / Action Regarding a Proposed Change to the Committee By-Laws

A proposed amendment to Section 6.5 of the Veterans' Affairs Committee by-laws was read to the committee. It was moved by Vern Pall, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 8 – 0 to proceed with the amendment process.

13. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action

a. Airport Military Lounge

Update given by Dee Brunner, discussion held, no formal action taken.

b. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

Update given by Cathi Starr, no formal action taken.

c. VA Hospital

No report given.

d. Arizona DES Employment Administration Veterans' Employment Services

No report given.

e. Financial Report

Update given by Treasurer Wendell Hague.

It was moved by Chairman Ross, duly seconded, to donate one hundred fifty dollars to cover the expenses of the Old Arizona Brass Band for the Four Chaplains Ceremony. Teri Davis offered an amendment to the motion to include an additional fifty dollar donation to the refreshment committee for the Four Chaplains Ceremony. The motion, including the amendment, was passed by a roll call vote of 8 – 0.

It was moved by Chairman Ross, duly seconded and passed by a roll call vote of 8 - 0 to purchase two new carafes, not to exceed fifty dollars each, for the Military Service Lounge at the Tucson Airport, if a donation could not be obtained.

14. Future Agenda Items

15. Salute to Colors

16. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.